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Cleveland Franchise Sees Changing of the Guard

The waiting game for new ownership of the Cleveland Indians concluded February 15, 2000 as **Lawrence J. Dolan** became the 16th owner of the Cleveland Indians since 1900.

The 68-year-old Dolan, an attorney from Chardon, Ohio, purchased the club from former owner **Richard E. Jacobs** at an estimated cost of \$320 million. The Indians became available following an announcement by Richard Jacobs on May 13, 1999 that he was interested in selling the club.

Jacobs and his late brother, **David**, bought the struggling Indians franchise in December 1986; and after enduring some early failure, the Indians have become one the most successful and respected organizations in Major League Baseball.

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New Tribe Owner, Lawrence J. Dolan, is strongly committed to Cleveland's fans.

Coaching & Pitching To Complement Offense

by Charlie Manuel

I welcome the challenge of taking over the reigns of one of the most successful franchises in baseball today. I am very much looking forward to beginning my first season as Manager of the Cleveland Indians and I'm excited to work with this veteran group of players, as I employ the knowledge I have gained during my six years as Hitting Coach, along with my Minor League managerial experience. It should be a fun and exciting season for the 2000 Indians as we attempt to bring a championship to the franchise and to the city of Cleveland.

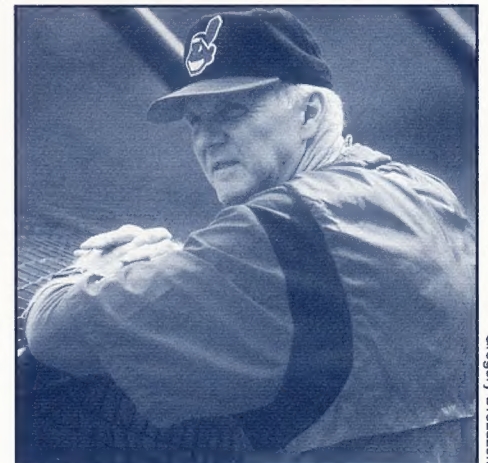
I can't achieve success alone, so I've formed what I believe rivals any coaching staff in Major League Baseball — a group of high-energy, focused individuals who I have played with, managed

against, and for whom I have a great deal of respect. They will get the most out of our players for 162 games and hopefully well into October. *Prepared, focused, and confident* — that is what I want my coaches and players to be every day when they come to the ballpark.

I have retained three men with whom I previously coached — Bullpen Coach **Luis Isaac**, Working Coach **Dan Williams**, and I have promoted 1999 Outfield Coach **Clarence Jones** to Hitting Coach. I have brought in **Ted Uhlaender** to coach our outfielders and base running and former Chicago Cubs Manager **Jim Riggleman** to coach Third Base and our infielders. **Grady Little** will be my Bench Coach and **Dick Pole** will be the Pitching Coach. I played with Teddy Uhlaender and

managed against Grady Little and Jim Riggleman. I admired how their teams

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New Tribe Manager Charlie Manuel.